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## **Wyoming Board of Agriculture to meet in Cheyenne**

The Wyoming Board of Agriculture will meet April 11 through 13 at the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in Cheyenne.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on April 11. During the three-day meeting, the Board will attend orientation, elect a new president and vice president, and consider amendments to the State Designated Pest List and the Restricted Noxious Weeds List.

Board members are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms. The Board members include: Vice President Helen Jones, Buffalo; Spencer Ellis, Lovell; Meghan Lally, Savery; Lee Otto, Yoder; David Graham, Moorcroft; Gene Hardy, Douglas; and Jim Mickelson, Big Piney.

This will be the first meeting attended by new Board members David Graham, Gene Hardy and Jim Mickelson.

David Graham runs a cow, calf and yearling operation near Moorcroft. He also raises and trains horses and participates in dryland farming. Currently, Graham is the Vice President of the Wyoming Predator Board. He is also a member of the Farm Bureau Federation and Masons.

Gene Hardy lives on a cattle and sheep ranch near Douglas. In addition to raising red angus cattle and rambouillet sheep, Hardy also participates in oil and gas production on his ranch. He is involved in many different organizations, and is currently the Vice President of Wyoming Wool Growers Association.

Jim Mickelson is a cattle rancher from Big Piney. He was raised in Big Piney and attended Casper College. Currently, Mickelson is a member of the Green River Cattlemen's Association and the Masons.

A complete agenda will be available on the Wyoming Department of Agriculture website at <http://wyagric.state.wy.us/BDAG/wybdagenda.htm>. The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is located at 2219 Carey Ave. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information about the meeting, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-6569.

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